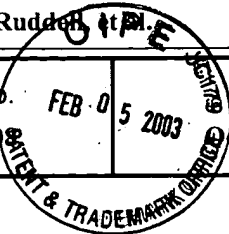
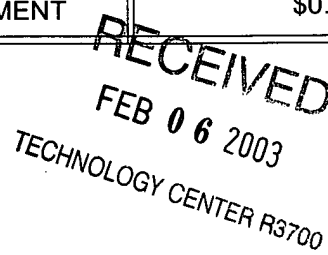
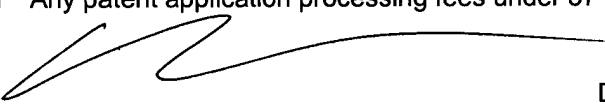
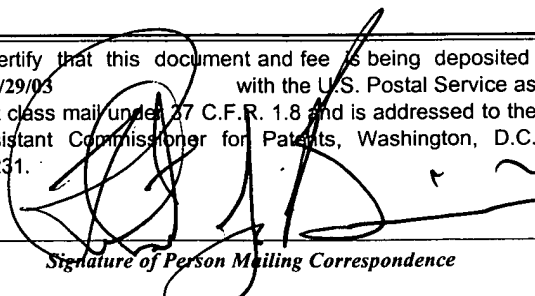
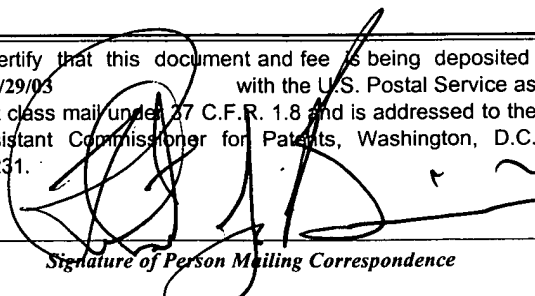
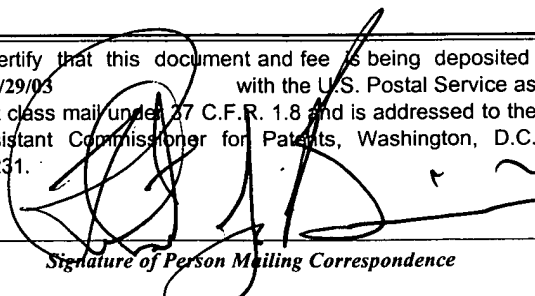
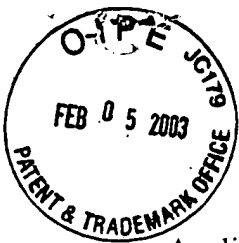


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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on January 16, 2003, please enter the following Response. The restriction requirement requires Applicants to elect between one of two groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1 to 35, 38 to 73 and 95 to 115) and Group II (Claims 36, 37 and 74 to 94). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1 to 35, 38 to 73 and 95 to 115. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions.

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